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SUBJECT: HAARETZ: STATE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO RESTRICT FOREIGN  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMERICAN ARMS MANUFACTURERS

1. HAARETZ (MARGALIT) MARCH 8 REPORTED ISRAELI EMBASSY  
CONCERN OVER PURPORTED RESTRICTIONS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
AMERICAN ARMS MANUFACTURERS. EXCERPTS FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT THE ISRAEL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS CON-  
CERNED ABOUT A STATE DEPARTMENT PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD RE-  
STRICT ALL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EXPORTATION OF U.S. ARMS.  
THE PROPOSAL FORBIDS FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO CONDUCT NE-  
GOTIATIONS WITH AMERICAN ARMS MANUFACTURERS WITHOUT FIRST  
OBTAINING AN EARLY STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE  
THE SALE.

2. STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL IS A PRECONDITION TO EVERY  
SALES OFFER, THE DRAFT SAYS. THIS WOULD APPLY TO EVERY  
DEAL CONCLUDED WITH A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR SEVEN MILLION  
DOLLARS OR MORE. THE RESTRICTION APPLIES TO MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT EARMARKED FOR USE IN BATTLE OR FOREIGN  
FIGHTING FORCES AND TO ALL "TECHNICAL DETAILS" RE-  
LATED TO ITEMS IN THE AMERICAN ARMS LIST.

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3. (ISRAELI CIRCLES BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSAL IS MEANT  
TO PREVENT RECURRENCES OF THE KIND OF DEALING ISRAEL  
ENGAGED IN WITH ECUADOR OVER THE KFIR.)

4. IT IS REPORTED THAT SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN  
WASHINGTON, MR. RABIN'S ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO A SERIES

OF DIFFICULTIES RAISED BY THE PENTAGON IN TIS RELATIONS  
WITH ISRAEL WITH REGARD TO "MUTUAL CONTACTS AND MATTERS  
CONCERNING THE APPROACH TO AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY." END  
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